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## **Resolution 1990-08-12**

### **LARGE RIVERS FISHERIES RESEARCH AND RESTORATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the management of fisheries in the large rivers of the United States is severely hampered by a lack of knowledge of fish populations and river dynamics; and

**WHEREAS**, many large rivers have lost their once rich assemblage of fish fauna and diverse habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has contributed substantially to waterway developments including navigation, water level fluctuation, hydropower generation, irrigation and general water depletion which are accelerating and increasingly degrading large river ecosystems without demonstrable changes in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, natural resource agencies of individual states have difficulty managing large river fisheries because the interjurisdictional nature of river systems hampers scientific investigation and development of management strategies sufficient to address problems;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies supports the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service jointly in full partnership with affected state fish and wildlife agencies to conduct necessary research, and to facilitate restoration of depleted nationally significant, interjurisdictional fishery resources impaired by federally licensed water-related development; and to maintain a joint state-federal leadership role in scientifically based management of fishery resources.